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# State of Maine.

**Head Quarters,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,**

Augusta, April 24, 1861.

## **GENERAL ORDER No. 8.**

The Major Generals of the Divisions of Militia, will EACH proceed forthwith to prepare Companies for organizing a REGIMENT OF INFANTRY within their respective limits as a portion of the Ten Regiments provided for by the act of April 24, 1861.

Enlisting Officers of New Companies, and Captains or Commanding Officers of the organized Volunteer Companies of this State, filled up within the limits of the several Divisions, according to instructions issued to Recruiting Officers, will return their original enlistment Rolls to this Department as soon as completed, and report to the respective Major Generals, viz., To General JAMES H. BUTLER, Bangor, General WILLIAM H. TITCOMB, Rockland, and General WM. W. VIRGIN, Portland, and furnish them and this Department, each, with complete Rolls of their respective Companies, and returns of vacancies of Commissioned Officers, and they will forthwith cause elections to be had and make immediate returns thereof to this office. Upon receipt of Commissions, and the acceptance and qualification upon the same by officers, the respective Companies will be enrolled and mustered into the service of the State, and provided with quarters and subsistence, either at the places of their enlistment, or at the several Division Head Quarters, as the Major Generals may direct. Arms will be furnished the troops from the State Arsenals and elsewhere, by the Acting Quartermaster General, at the earliest moment practicable.

Strict subordination will be enforced throughout the respective commands, and the troops diligently exercised and instructed in military drill and discipline, until mustered into the service of the United States. The final issue to the troops, of arms, equipments, uniforms, clothing, and all other necessary articles will be made to them prior to, or at the time they are mustered into the service of the United States. All accounts and claims, which necessarily have accrued or may hereafter accrue on account of quarters, subsistence, transportation, and from any, and all other sources whatever, in the formation of these Regiments, must be furnished in duplicate, approved by the officer authorized to contract the liability, and forwarded to this Department, and payments will be withheld in all cases of non-compliance with this direction. Competent Surgeons will be designated by the Major Generals, to inspect candidates for enlistment, and report whether they are qualified for service.

The Major Generals in promulgating this order, will define the limits of their respective Divisions, and prescribe all necessary details, rules and regulations, for carrying this order into immediate effect.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,

JOHN L. HODSDON, Adjutant General.